

- I. Project Title: Fish and Wildlife Service Program Management
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- III. Project Summary: The ongoing work of the Recovery Program Director's office is to ensure timely and effective planning, implementation, coordination, and administrative support of the Recovery Program by: 1) coordinating and implementing recovery activities; 2) conducting Program planning and evaluation; 3) managing the Recovery Program annual budget; 4) providing staff assistance to Program committees; and 5) directing and coordinating Service Recovery Program activities. These tasks were carried out by Recovery Program staff including the director, assistant director, coordinators for the major recovery elements, and clerical staff.
- IV. Study Schedule: 1989-ongoing.
- V. Relationship to RIPRAP:
- General Recovery Program Support Action Plan:
- VII.A.3 Update, refine, and prioritize recovery actions (RIPRAP) annually.
 - VII.A.5 Monitor and assess Recovery Program accomplishments annually.
 - VII.A.6 Develop annual work plan to address priority needs.
 - VII.B Actively participate in Recovery Program committees and secure funding for annual work plan and larger projects.
 - VII.C Manage, direct, and coordinate Recovery Program activities.
- VI. Accomplishment of FY 2000 Tasks and Deliverables, Discussion of Initial Findings and Shortcomings:

A. Program Director & Staff

1. Directed and coordinated implementation of recovery efforts as described in the RIPRAP and the Annual Work Plan in the areas of: a) instream flow protection and nonnative fish management; b) habitat restoration; c) propagation/genetics and research, monitoring, and data management; and d) information, education, and public involvement. Program coordinators are: Bob Muth for instream flow protection and nonnative fish management; Gerry Roehm for tributaries; Pat Nelson for habitat restoration; Dave Soker for land acquisition; Tom Czapla for propagation/genetics and research, monitoring, and data management; and Debbie Felker for information, education, and public involvement.

Significant accomplishments/activities included:

- Final 15-Mile Reach Programmatic Biological Opinion (PBO) signed in December 1999.
- Negotiated with the Colorado River Water Conservation District, the Service, Denver Water, and the Colorado Water Conservation Board for annual release of 10,825 acre-feet (5,412.5 acre-feet each from the River District and Denver Water) to benefit the endangered fish under the terms of the PBO.
- Worked with contractor and the Recovery Team to bring specific recovery goals near completion.
- Represented the Recovery Program at CWCB meetings.
- Continued to work on the Yampa River Management Plan continues, and a began developing a programmatic biological opinion (PBO) approach to the Yampa River.
- Worked with landowners along the Green, Gunnison, and Colorado rivers to negotiate agreements easement and/or acquisition of floodplain properties.
- Worked with Program partners to support passage of the long-term funding legislation.
- Coordinated publicity and public involvement for high-profile Recovery Program issues. Worked with Rocky Mountain News on major story about the Recovery Program (published in December 2000).
- Gave numerous presentations on the Recovery Program and its activities.

2. Carried out Program planning and evaluation:

- a. Updated RIPRAP in coordination with the Management and technical committees.
- b. Developed FY 2001 Preliminary and regular Program Guidance in coordination with the Management and technical committees. Solicited and developed proposals and drafted FY 2001 Work Plan in coordination with the Management and technical committees. Distributed draft FY 2000 Work Plan.
- c. Requested, revised as needed, and distributed FY 99 project accomplishment reports.
- d. Continued to implement peer review as needed.

3. Monitored the FY 2000 Recovery Program annual budget and modified as necessary.

- a. Developed annual funding source/target tables (Program, Reclamation, and Service).

- b. Developed and administered numerous cooperative agreements and contracts to implement activities such as: peer review, Duchesne River investigations, stream gages, etc.
 - c. Monitored payment and expenditure of Section 7 funds in the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation account.
 - d. Calculated FY 2001 annual agency contributions and depletion charge increases based on the 1999 CPI (2.7%).
 - e. Assisted with obtaining annual funding by organizing (and accompanying) Recovery Program trip to Washington, D.C. to brief key people in the Department of the Interior, the Office of Management and Budget, national environmental groups, Congressional delegations, and authorizing and appropriation committees. Prepared briefing book. Arranged and participated in meetings of the ad hoc group to develop a long-term funding agreement for the Recovery Program.
4. Provided staff assistance to the Implementation and Management committees:
- a. Prepared and distributed agendas and related documents in coordination with committee chairs. Arranged meetings and conference calls.
 - b. Prepared and promptly distributed concise, accurate meeting summaries.
 - c. Maintained Recovery Program administrative record.
 - d. Provided staff assistance to committees as necessary.
 - e. Recovery Program committee and related activities publicized on the Program listserver and posted on Program participant web pages.
 - f. Attended Implementation, Management, and technical committee meetings. Took notes at Biology Committee meetings and promptly provided drafts meeting summaries to the Committee chair.
 - g. Maintained Recovery Program technical report library and database. Maintained library listing in Endnote bibliographic software and on the Program participant web pages.
 - h. Continued to maintain the electronic mailing list for Program participants.
 - i. Maintained and improved web pages to serve information to Program participants.

5. Directed and coordinated Service activities related to the Recovery Program.
 - a. Administered funding for Service Recovery Program activities.
 - b. Conducted monthly Service conference call.
 - c. Coordinated with and provided staff support to Service management on Recovery Program activities and issues.

B. Fish and Wildlife Service

1. Provided technical expertise and recommendations to the Biology Committee as requested.
2. Participated in Biology Committee meetings.

VII. Recommendations: With the recovery goals nearing publication in the Federal Register and the long-term funding legislation enacted into law, Program participants should resume discussion of extending the Recovery Program beyond 2003.

VIII. Project Status: Ongoing and on track.

IX. FY 2000 Budget Status

- A. Funds Provided: \$690,000 (FY 2000 funds)
- B. Funds Expended: We anticipate that we have some FY 2000 carry-over, but we are still working to identify exactly how much.
- C. Difference: To be determined.
- D. Percent of FY 2000 work completed and projected costs to complete: We anticipate that we have some FY 2000 carry-over and will inform Reclamation of that amount as soon as possible. Any carry-over funds will be used to meet FY 2001 budget shortfalls or fund FY 2001 contingency projects.
- E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: None this year.

X. Status of Data Submission: Not applicable.

XI. Signed: *Angela Kantola*, December 20, 2000

APPENDIX: See also:

- FY 2000 annual progress reports
- Recovery Implementation Program Section 7 Consultation, Sufficient Progress, and Historic Projects Agreement and Recovery Action Plan (RIPRAP), Revised March 8, 2000.
- FY 2001 Program Guidance.
- FY 2000 and 2001 Recovery Program Work Plans
- Implementation and Management committee meeting summaries

